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BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR JANUARY

During January, approximately 16,362,000 pounds of fish, spread among 18 classifications, were landed at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange, according to the monthly summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

An average price of \$4.61 per hundred weight was received by fishermen for landings from offshore vessels, while inshore craft landings paid \$3.96 per hundred weight.

The January catch, which was the result of 412 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$746,000 to the fishermen.

Compared with total landings for the same month a year ago, the January 1941 figure represents a decrease of 4,581,000 pounds, or 22 percent. Average price paid per hundred pounds in January 1940 amounted to \$3.56 for offshore and \$4.23 for inshore landings.

In 176 trips, offshore vessels brought in 15 million pounds of the total, spread among 17 classifications. Inshore craft, in 236 trips, landed about 1.3 million pounds, consisting of 15 classifications.

From offshore vessels, haddock (4.8 million pounds at an average price of \$5.51); haddock scrod (3.1 million pounds at \$4.00); large cod (1.7 million pounds at \$5.36); pollock (1.5 million pounds at \$3.26); rosefish (1.4 million pounds at \$2.63); and market cod (1.1 million pounds at \$4.87), were the dominating species during January.

Halibut brought the month's highest average at \$20.77, with lemon sole second at \$11.86.

Inshore craft landed 456,000 pounds of rosefish (at \$2.71) in greatest quantity. Market cod (219,000 pounds at \$5.38) and yellowtails (199,000 pounds at \$1.93) followed.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Monday, January 13, when 30 vessels landed with 1,498,000 pounds.

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